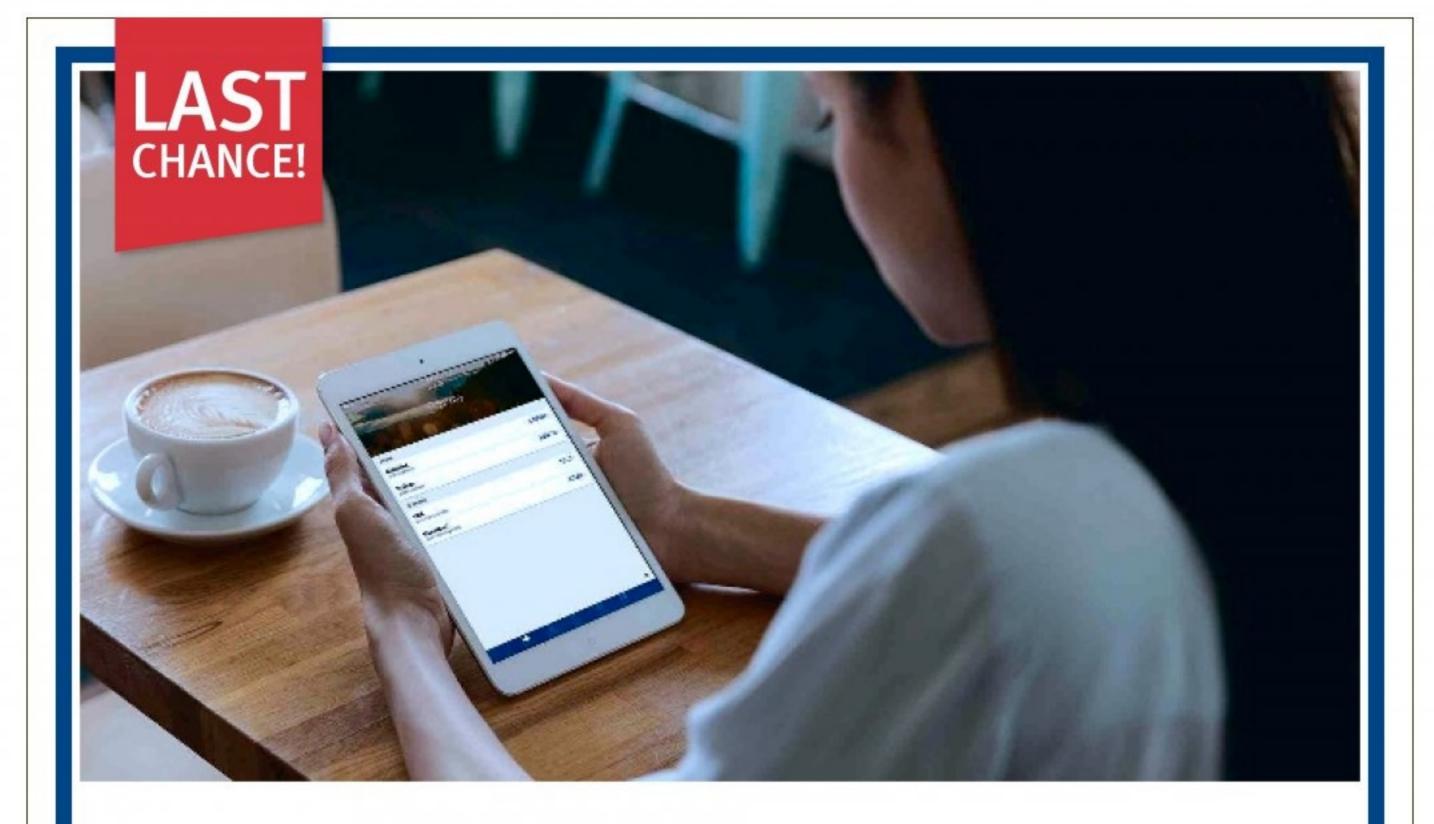


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Crime a key issue: Beals

DISTRICT 6

Candidate wants to talk 'tough topic' at election time



Croucher Metro Halifax

Reducing crime in Halifax needs to be a key election issue, says a candidate running for a seat on council.

Carlos Beals made the comments as CeaseFire Halifax hosted a community BBQ and march in North Preston on Sunday afternoon.

"A lot of people may be more comfortable not addressing it," Beals, a member of CeaseFire and candidate for District 6, said as people milled about around him outside the area's community centre.

Beals said reducing crime is a "tough topic" and one that doesn't get spoken enough "on a political level."

Violence is making headlines again as police investigate the killing of 26-year-old Tylor Donovan McInnis. The Halifax man was found dead last week in the trunk of a black Honda Civic, a vehicle police say had been reported stolen.

The homicide was the 8th this year for the Halifax region.

Beals said finding ways to reduce crime isn't currently being addressed by those at City Hall.

"If it doesn't happen in their immediate community, then it's not a priority to address it," he said, referring to those on council.

Bonita Shepherd, who lives in north-end Dartmouth and is a Beals supporter, wants candidates in the upcoming election to talk about how to make Halifax safer.

She said it should be everyone's goal to reduce the number of people being killed. "Deescalate and save lives," she said. "There's no need for all this tension and hatred and hostility."

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The four candidates in Tuesday's byelection (L to R): Progressive Conservative Andy Arsenault, NDPer Lisa Roberts, Green Party candidate Thomas Trappenberg, and Liberal Rod Wilson. CONTRIBUTED

North-enders head to the polls

HALIFAX NEEDHAM

Byelection will impact timing of general election: Prof



Zane Woodford Metro | Halifax

This week's byelection in Halifax Needham could determine when Nova Scotians head to the polls for a general election, according to a local political scientist.

People in the north end Halifax riding head to the polls on Tuesday to pick their new MLA.

Premier Stephen McNeil called a byelection for the riding last month after NDP MLA Maureen MacDonald resigned in the spring. She had held the riding since 1998.

"It should be a seat the NDP wins, and if they're not able to do that, if the Liberals are able to take this seat and if they take it convincingly, that would be a strong indicator for them," Mount Saint Vincent University political scientist Jeff MacLeod said in a recent interview.

MacLeod said it's anyone's guess when McNeil will call an election, but "it will be undoubtedly influenced by

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the results of a byelection."

"The Liberal government, the McNeil government has to hold Halifax to be re-elected, and Halifax-Needham is in the epicentre of that,"

he said. "If they see their strength withering in this byelection, that will send a message, there's no question about it."

What that message would translate to, MacLeod said, could go either way.

"Common sense says they would hold off (on an election call), but they may think, 'Let's go now before it gets worse," he said.

shown McNeil's Liberals continuing to enjoy majority support in the province, with a June CRA poll pegging support for the party at 59 per cent, and government satisfaction at 55 per cent.

MacLeod said the "political

fiasco" surrounding the film tax credit could also sway people in Halifax Needham, alongside "perennial issues" like health care, the economy, and jobs.

The three main parties, MacLeod said, are running a cast of "credible candidates," meaning this byelection will be about more than party politics.

"Sometimes it's merely a The latest polling has referendum on the government, and the candidates have a lesser role. I think in this campaign though, the candidates have enough street cred, if you will, in the riding itself. They'll pull some votes because of their own gravitas," he said.

THE CANDIDATES

PC: Andy Arsenault, a business owner and former RCMP officer

NDP: Lisa Roberts, executive director of Veith House and a former CBC iournalist:

Green Party: Thomas Trappenberg, a Dalhousie University computer scientist;

Liberal: Rod Wilson, a physician and the executive director of the North End Community Health Centre.

CONFERENCE

Energy and environment top issues for leadership meeting



Premier Stephen McNeil THE CANADIAN PRESS

Energy, the environment, and climate change are expected to be among the key topics when the New England governors and Eastern Canadian premiers gather Monday in Boston.

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and Prince Edward Island Premier Wade MacLauchlan are co-chairing the conference.

MacLauchlan says he expects a fair bit of discussion on renewable energy and what Eastern Canada can offer.

"New England is looking to obtain significant additional amounts of renewable energy over the next several years. They've got requirements to reduce some of their carbon based energy," he said.

Despite the looming U.S. election, MacLauchlan says it's best that the Canadian delegation avoid making much comment on the potential outcomes.

"Everybody there is in politics but we'll be pretty careful not to mix ourselves too far into the U.S. election," he said.

Still, there's no doubt that the election will surface in at least the informal conver-

New Hampshire Governor Margaret Wood Hassan is running for a seat in the Senate,

It is the 40th conference for the leaders of the six states and five provinces. They have been meeting since 1973.

while Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo was a co-chair of the Democratic National

"I think you always have to be alert to what might happen if you got a more protectionist U.S. government, but the ties are substantial," MacLauchlan said.

In the case of Prince Edward Island, the United States is the province's biggest trading partner, and a full third of P.E.I.'s trade is with New England.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



A controversial map about plans for a proposed park at Blue Mountain-Birch Cove is to be revealed this week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Blue Mountain-Birch Cove plan to be revealed

DEVELOPMENT

Public gets to see what has been kept secret till now



The public will get its first

look this week at a mysterious and controversial map of the proposed park at Blue Mountain-Birch Cove when a staff report on the next steps for the park is released Wednesday.

Halifax regional council voted in July to release the previously secret Map 3A along with all the previously secret contextual documents that go with it — as part of a staff report heading to council's meeting next week.

That report will also include nearly 1,500 public submissions, and a recommendation from staff on how to proceed with the park.

Map 3A stems from a facilitator's controversial report that recommended allowing development on part of the land at Blue Mountain-Birch

A motion from Coun. Reg Rankin would've adopted that map, unseen by the public, as the proposed park

boundaries.

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The Ecology Action Centre accused Rankin of "trying to deliver what the developers want."

Repeatedly pressed outside council chambers, Rankin refused to take a position on the future of the park.

At the direction of council, the report is being posted online early, on Wednesday, rather than on the Friday before the meeting, when reports are usually posted.

'No hard feelings' for Harper, Bill Casey says

You won't find Bill Casey gloating over Stephen Harper's decision to retire from politics.

The feud between the former Conservative, now Liberal MP, for Cumberland-Colchester and the former prime minister is well known and now that Harper is leaving public life, Casey says he just wants to move on.

"I really don't want to be negative about him. He and I had a testy relationship and he's retiring now. I just want to get

on with doing my job and put this all in the past," Casey said.

"I don't have any hard feelings. He did what he had to do and I did what I had to do. I felt I had to stand up for my province and he felt he had to throw me out."

Harper, who was prime minister from 2006 to 2015, announced Friday he is stepping down as Calgary Heritage MP.

Casey said he moved on soon after the former prime minister ejected him from caucus in 2007 when he voted against the federal budget over changes to the Atlantic Accord.

Looking back, Bill Casey said he didn't fit in the new Conserva-

"I just didn't fit in his party. I was always a centre-left politician, centre on some issues and left on others, but he was extreme right and I just never fit from the start," Casey said.

Casey remained as an In-

dependent MP and was re-elected in the 2008 federal election before leaving parliament to represent Nova Scotia in Ottawa a position he held until it was eliminated by the

provincial NDP

government.

In 2014, Casey announced his return to politics, this time as a Liberal, and was returned to Ottawa by a large margin over the man who replaced him as MP, Scott Armstrong. TC MEDIA

Fire chief feeling 'betrayal'

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Bill Casey on Stephen

Harper

While relieved that police arrested two suspects in connection with 16 arson fires over the past four months, Florence Fire Chief Dave Julian was also feeling betrayed in learning the accused were two of his own members.

"Florence Volunteer Fire Department members are heartbroken and disgusted with the news that the culprits that caused us so much grief for the last four months were standing next to us the whole time," said Julian, during an interview with the Cape Breton Post.

"The sense of betrayal is unreal among the group. We basically put our lives on hold for four months," he said.

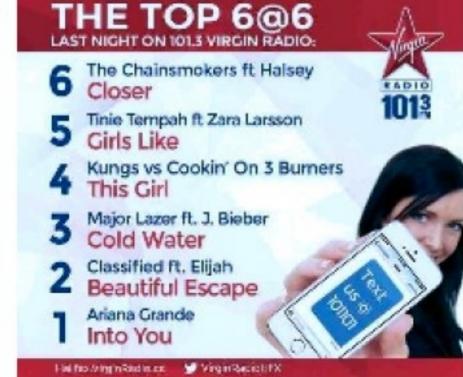
Charged are Stephen Eric Tremblett, 49, of Rear Regent Street, North Sydney, and James Clayton MacDonald, 24, of Point Aconi. Tremblett is charged with 13 counts of arson while MacDonald faces 16 counts. The offences are alleged to have occurred between May and August of this year in the Florence, Little Bras d'Or and Millville areas.

All but two of the fires involved abandoned buildings. No injuries were reported.

Both accused were remanded to the Cape Breton Correctional Centre pending bail hearings Monday, TC MEDIA

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Fun and smiles 'awesome' to see in North Preston

CEASEFIRE HALIFAX

Event highlights good in Halifax communities



Philip Croucher Metro | Halifax

As the smell of hamburgers being barbecued filled the air outside the North Preston Community Centre, several young people took to the court for a friendly game of basketball.

A few steps away, young kids worked on art projects, promoting peace and love, for everyone.

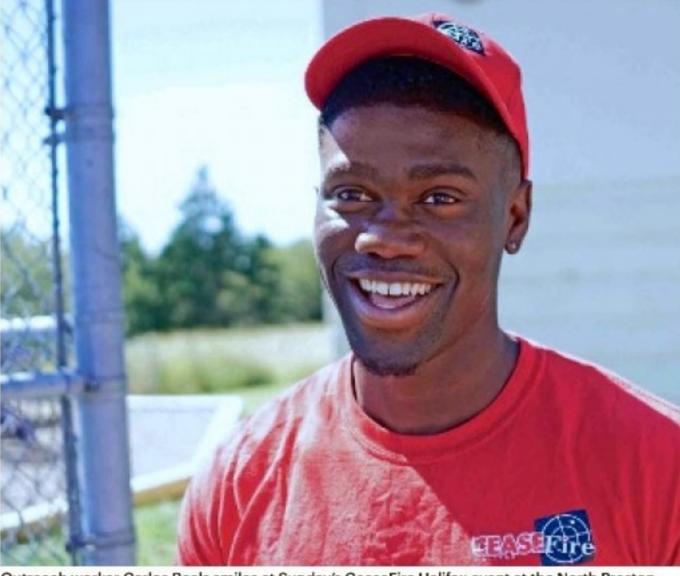
There were also smiles, hugs and laughter from the dozens of people in attendance for a CeaseFire Halifax event on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

"This is awesome," smiled Shauna Crawley-Jordan, who works at the Community Health and Wellness Centre in North Preston.

"It's great to see the community come together like this and feel safe."

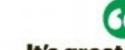
While the decision by Cease-Fire Halifax to host Sunday's BBQ and march came before last week's killing of Tylor Donovan McInnis, the timing allowed the event to also serve as a way to honour McInnis and speak out against violence in communities.

Carlos Beals is an outreach worker with CeaseFire, a nonprofit community group that



Outreach worker Carlos Beals smiles at Sunday's CeaseFire Halifax event at the North Preston Community Centre. The community event came after last week's tragic death of Tylor Donovan McInnis, ZANE WOODFORD/METRO





It's great to see the community come together like this and feel safe.

Shauna Crawley-Jordan

tries to diffuse situations before they turn violent.

Sunday's event was meant to celebrate communities and all the good happening in them. But given the killing of McInnis last week, the event also honoured the 26-year-old man's memory with a planned moment of si-

Number of homicides in Halifax this year.

lence at the community graveyard where his body was found.

The moment of silence came after community members marched from the community centre to the graveyard.

"When there is an incident like this we have to respond," said Beals. "There is no room in our community for this type of behaviour."

RCMP found McInnis in the trunk of a stolen car in a cemetery on Governor Street in North Preston on Tuesday afternoon. Police say McInnis was a homicide victim, but haven't revealed other details around his death.

"Sadness. It's a great loss," said Crawley-Jordan of McInnis, who said she didn't know McInnis personally. "It's another young man cut down at the prime of his life."

"It hurts," she added.

For Beals, discussion is key. "We can change this behaviour when we stand up against it. When we talk about it," he

Police are asking anyone who saw anything suspicious in the area of Upper Governor Street between 9 p.m. Monday night and 11 a.m. Tuesday morning to contact them or Crime Stoppers.

Sobeys to apologize



Haley Ryan Metro | Halifax

Sobeys has withdrawn its appeal of a racial profiling decision involving a Halifax-area woman, and says an apology will soon be issued.

Sobeys said in a release it has withdrawal the appeal of a Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission (NSHRC) decision from October 2015. The decision found Andrella David had been discriminated against based on her African Nova Scotian heritage and perception of income, when she was unjustly accused of stealing in the Hammonds Plains Road store.

"Sobeys will provide to Ms. David the compensation and apology ordered by the Board of Inquiry in its subsequent remedy decision, and will develop staff training as agreed with the NSHRC," the release issued on Friday said, referring to the April remedy decision where the company was ordered to pay David \$21,000.

"Sobeys regrets that this matter has taken so long to come to a conclusion but, from the outset, it has adhered to and respected the NSHRC's complaint process," the release said. Sobeys will "look for opportunities across its retail network to leverage training materials on racial profiling that are in development at the NSHRC."

The announcement comes just days after the African United Baptist Association of Nova Scotia (AUBA) called for a boycott of Sobeys to protest the grocery chain in light of the company's lack of steps to begin racial sensitivity training.



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Suspects in KISS hoodies sought

Police are continuing to look for two suspects after a bank was robbed in the Halifax area by men wearing KISS hoodies.

Halifax Regional Police say around 7 p.m. Thursday, two people entered the Scotiabank on Lacewood Drive, one with a gun and one a crowbar, and demanded money from staff.

The two people eventually fled with an unknown amount of money and couldn't be located by an Emergency Response Team, and a K9 unit, who rushed to the scene.

No staff were injured.

The suspects are described as men wearing KISS designed full zip hoodies that covered their faces. Both were wearing gloves and carrying bags over their shoulders. Halifax police



Images released by police of the suspects. HANDOUT/HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE

said in an email Sunday afternoon that there have still been no arrests.

Anyone who can identify the suspects or has any information on this incident is asked to call police at 902-490-5020, or send an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers. METRO



Police charge another taxi driver with sexual assault

Police have charged a Halifax man in relation to one of the five taxi sexual assaults reported so far this year.

Investigators arrested 28-year-old Saher H. Hamdan when he turned himself into headquarters on Gottingen Street. He's charged with sexual assault in relation to an alleged incident on July 15. Police say a taxi driver stopped the vehicle on Sherwood Street.

While waiting to pay, police said the driver tried to kiss the woman, then locked her door and touched her in a sexual manner over her clothing without her consent.

The woman was able to get out of the car and go to a friend's home, police said. METRO

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Non-profit aids community by empowering its youth



Zane Woodford Metro Halifax

For Roseanna Cleveland, the reaction from the kids is enough for her to Take Action.

"It's the personal gratitude I get from providing something for those children who don't normally get that - when they're smiling and they're happy," Cleveland said in a recent interview.

"Knowing that I'm trying to do the best I can to help them succeed in life, that's what keeps me driving."

Cleveland is one of the founders of the Take Action Society, a non-profit group in north Dartmouth aiming to better the community by bettering its kids.

The group started in 2009, when a teacher at a nearby elementary school was looking for a way to teach kids about poverty overseas. It quickly evolved into much more.

"Yeah, it's really nice to teach the kids about poverty, but they're living in it themselves," Cleveland said.

"They live in such a vicious, nasty cycle of poverty here in Dartmouth north. Why don't we try and help them help NOMINATIONS

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themselves get out of that nasty cycle?"

From there, Cleveland and some other parents revamped the program to teach the kids "ways that they could make a difference within themselves and the community."

They came up with the Take Action name and logo and the T-shirts, and started doing clean-ups around the community.

Now, they have an afterschool program, and what

possibly get involved in," Cleveland said. The group started with 10

kids, and there are now more than 75 active members. There have been more than 250 members total over the

community members." Jody Livingstone is one of those community members,

having gotten involved in 2012. "I've got five kids that are all involved in Take Action right from junior high and elementary and they love it," she said. "They love it and they keep coming back. I'm here, and I do what I can for them."

Livingstone and Cleveland do what they can by showing the kids - many of whom "don't see outside their block"

 that they don't have to continue the cycle they've been born into.

Junior leaders with the Take Action Society dance during one of the group's programs in 2013. JEFF HARPER/METRO

"We want to teach them that it doesn't matter ... where they live, they can succeed," Cleveland said.

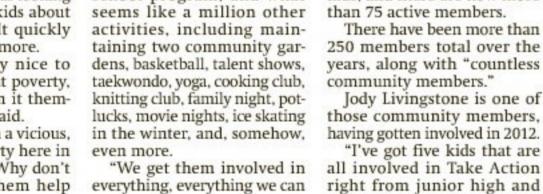
"They may have to work a little harder, they may have to come together with more people to do so, but they can succeed."



If you want to get involved with the Take Action Society, reach out on their Facebook page at facebook.com/ TakeActionSociety



Roseanna Cleveland, left, and Jody Livingstone of the Take Action Society. JEFF HARPER/METRO





There's all kinds of obstacles to do what we do, but we have to keep on going forward for these kids. Take Action Society founder Roseanna Cleveland

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'We need housing'

Feds' plan for homeless vets calls for shift in benefit program

Veterans Affairs officials are ready to recommend that the federal government give rental subsidies to veterans who are homeless or nearly so in order to combat what they describe as an unacceptable situation in Canada.

A draft of the new federal strategy to combat homelessness among veterans also recommends the government build new affordable housing units specifically for veterans, suggesting Canada doesn't have enough units to handle the unique needs of former military members who can have addiction and mental health issues related to their service.

The strategy says that what homeless veterans require is access to immediate housing, peer support and outreach to get them off the street, and months or even years of intensive case management with a broad range of services.

A final draft of the strategy isn't expected to be completed and made public until later this year.

"As a department, we've got a mandate for the care, treatment and re-establishment to civilian life of veterans in general, and clearly somebody who BY THE NUMBERS

235,000

The number of Canadians who experience homelessness annually

2,250

The estimated number of veterans who use shelters

is homeless is not successfully re-established in civilian society," said Tim Kerr, director of the veterans priority programs secretariat at Veterans Affairs Canada, which is heading up work on the strategy.

"Because of that, our minister, and our deputy minister and I and my team believe that we have an obligation to address this issue of veteran homelessness."

The recommendations, if implemented, would mark a shift in veterans benefits programs that leave no room to provide things like housing subsidies that have been successful in the United States at keeping veterans

"We need housing in every province, designated housing for vets. We need transition homes in every province to help them get back on their feet," said Jim Lowther, president of Veterans **Emergency Transition Services** (VETS) Canada.

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Jia Panpan and Jia Yueyue play at the Toronto Zoo on March 7. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Calgary mayor wants to hug pandas too

It's from one self-declared lover of baby panda snuggles to an-

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi has written to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau asking for Ottawa's help in defraying the considerable cost of housing the critters at Calgary's zoo in two years.

"As a fellow lover of cute cuddly panda cubs, and having observed with envy your recent opportunity to hold Jia Panpan and Jia Yueyue in Toronto dur-

about our

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ing their naming ceremony, I trust you can understand my own desire to embrace these pandas with open arms here in Calgary," Nenshi wrote to Trudeau in a May 27 letter.

The word "envy" is underlined twice, followed by two typed exclamation points, and circled in purple ink with another handwritten exclamation point thrown in for good measure.

"I am writing today to request a federal government

I trust you can understand my own desire to embrace these pandas.

Naheed Nenshi

contribution towards investments required in Calgary to host both the panda family and the large number of new

visitors the zoo expects. The decision for Calgary to host the pandas was supported and encouraged by the previous federal government in 2012, but no funds were provided," the mayor writes.

Trudeau's June 21 response thanks Nenshi for his "enthusiastic" letter, but rebuffed the funding request and suggested that the Calgary Zoo explore programs offered by the federal Western Economic Diversification agency. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mental-health advocates push for larger slice of funding pie

Canada trails the pack when it comes to mental-health funding among comparable nations but advocates say a promise from the federal government to improve services means the time is ripe to push for change.

"Access-to-care is abysmal in most places throughout the country, and of course that's linked ... not only but very much to funding," said Louise Bradley, executive director of the Mental Health Commission of Canada, in a recent interview.

Bradley's organization and others, such as the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), have been calling for the mental-health share of health spending in the provinces and territories to increase by two percentage points over the next decade — from a national aver-



We've been told to do more with less for a very long time. I think the rubber band is stretched as far as it can go. Louise Bradley

age of seven per cent to nine.

Canada's funding levels rank near the bottom among a list of OECD countries, a point of concern for the Trudeau Liberals who have pledged to make improved access to services a priority since coming to power last fall.

Bradley says she's cautiously optimistic something can be done through the upcoming round of discussions on a new health funding agreement between Ottawa and the provinces - but even that modest increase would leave Canada behind countries such as New Zealand, Australia and the United

Kingdom, where funding levels range from 10 to 14 per cent.

Most Canadian jurisdictions are proportionally in the same funding range or slightly higher than Nova Scotia, which earmarked \$275 million out of its overall \$4.1-billion health budget for mental-health services for 2016-17.

Bradley said the numbers simply don't meet the demands of a growing burden of care for the overall health system and for the economy at large in terms of lost productivity, at about \$50 billion a year.

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A group of people say a prayer in Holtville, Ca., on May 31 in a cemetery filled with unmarked graves of migrants who died in the desert trying to cross into the United States from Mexico.

Rhetoric meets reality in Mexico

Trump's border wall idea scorns facts, human deaths: Experts

An American border guard steps out of his vehicle onto a dusty desert road, seeking to chat with the strangers he sees milling about the mesquite bushes a few metres from Mexico.

His team catches a dozen migrants crossing here illegally each day, he says. The conversation turns to Donald Trump. He's asked whether Trump's proposed border wall would halt the flow of migrants crossing through California's Yuha Desert. He doubts it. There's already a wall across almost one-third of the border people still get over.

"You'd need to get rid of all the ladders in Mexico," he says. Trump is now wrestling with

difficult realities for his immi-

gration plan. Some are political. Some involve practical questions: Does Trump plan to cut off U.S. access to the Rio Grande? A wall already covers part of the border; the rest is mostly river. Does he actually intend to deport 11 mil-lion people in the U.S. illegally? If so, what's the plan to prevent the collapse of industries that rely on migrant labour? And, if not, does that mean breaking his pledge against granting legal amnesty?

A sombre monument nearby belies the idea of simple solutions here.

A cemetery of unmarked graves is filled with people who perished crossing the border.

Enrique Morones leads a group praying in the cemetery. They're volunteers with his organization Border Angels, which deposits jugs of water in the desert to keep people from dehydrating or roasting to death in the sun.

"When we say, 'I'm dying of thirst,' it's just an expression. For them it's real," says Morones, who used to work in marketing



He represents the worst of the American spirit.

Enrique Morones

for baseball's San Diego Padres before turning to full-time work as an activist and public speaker.

"Every summer there's more deaths because of that wall than in the entire history of the Berlin Wall."

Trump's immigration plan, meanwhile, is in flux. Where he once promised to deport all illegal migrants. he now says he would force them out - then allow an unspecified number back in, require them to pay back taxes, and grant legal status.

"I don't want anything to do with him," he said of Trump. "He represents the worst of the American spirit, and in my eyes he's not welcome here."

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MIGRANT INFLUX

Merkel rejects ban on Muslims

German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Sunday slammed those countries in Europe who say they won't take in Muslim refugees, a position that several eastern European governments have taken in response to the influx of migrants from the Islamic world.

Merkel said she was hopeful that European Union members would reach an agreement on outstanding questions arising from the migrant crisis, one of which is how to fairly distribute asylum-seekers among all the bloc's 28 member

She told German public broadcaster ARD that "everybody has to do their bit" and didn't rule out the possibility of letting some countries take in fewer mi- Chancellor grants if they contrib- Angela Merkel ute more financially AFP/GETTY IMAGES

"How the individual components are weighted will have to be seen," said Merkel.



But she reiterated her stance that blocking refugees based on their religion was misguided.

"What I continue to think is wrong is that some say 'We generally don't want Muslims in our country, regardless of whether there's a humanitarian need or not,"' she

said. "We're going to have to keep discussing that."

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Burkini sets election tone

FRANCE

Ban on Muslim swimwear has drawn global condemnation

The national identity crisis exposed by France's burkini controversy is threatening to set the tone for the country's presidential campaign.

Along with the economy, the relationship between France's Muslims and non-Muslims has been a recurring theme as presidential hopefuls kick off campaigning for the April-May election. Some leftists say the far right is using the issue to encourage racism in France.

A top French court ruling Friday against banning the burkini didn't put an end to the debate. Some mayors are refusing to rescind their bans, arguing that the head-to-ankle swimwear could disrupt public order after a summer marred by Islamic extremist attacks. The burkini bans by some French coastal towns drew international condemnation after images circu-



A woman wearing a Burkini joins a protest outside the French Embassy in London on Thursday, during a "wear-what-you-want beach party" to protest the French ban on burkinis. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

lated online of police appearing to require a Muslim woman to disrobe.

Former President Nicolas Sarkozy and other some other conservative candidates want a national law banning burkinis. Sarkozy's chief rival for the conservative nomination, former Prime Minister Alain Juppe, struck a more conciliatory tone, saying on Europe-1 radio Sunday that such rhetoric "throws oil on the fire." But at a campaign event Saturday in Chatou west of Paris, Juppe suggested putting limits on how far religious practices can reach into public life, calling for a special accord between the state and Muslim leaders to lay out clear rules for respecting French secularism.

"It is legitimate to ask them to have a knowledge of the principles of the organization of the republican state, especially French-style secularism," he said.

The economy and security issues are likely to dominate the French campaign for the April and May presidential elections, after years of 10 per cent unemployment and a string of deadly Islamic extremist attacks.

While many on the French left criticize the burkini as oppressing women, they also fear the issue feeds into the agenda of far-right candidate Marine Le Pen of the National Front.

Benoit Hamon, a former Socialist government minister seeking the leftist presidential nomination, tweeted Sunday that the burkini debate "is targeting Muslims once again." Hamon criticized Prime Minister Manuel Valls, a fellow Socialist, for supporting burkini bans.

Socialist President Francois Hollande, who hasn't announced whether he will seek a second term, has remained cautious in comments on the burkini.

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UNITED STATES

Hopes high for recovery after Louisiana floods

In 23 years of coaching football, Dru Nettles never had to deliver a pep talk like this.

Most of his players and coaches on Denham Springs High School's football team lost homes when floodwaters ravaged their city in suburban Baton Rouge. Their battered school remains closed, but the team has a season-opening home game to play in two weeks.

The promise of Friday night football is tonic for a city at the epicenter of the catastrophe. Even the most modest signs of recovery are lifting weary spirits in Denham Springs, where flooding damaged an estimated 90 per cent of homes and businesses.

"Everybody is trying so hard to get back to normalcy as much as they can. Yes, we are seeing progress. Every day, we finally see another business come back online," said Denham Springs Mayor Gerard Landry.

But he fears it could take years for this city to fully recover after more than 2 feet of rain fell in the area over a three-day period two weeks ago.

"The devastating thing is that so many people didn't have flood insurance," Landry said. "In most parts of this city, it was not required."

Elvin Watts had no flood insurance for his shop in the touristy downtown antiques district. Watts, 69, estimates he lost up to \$85,000 of inventory - almost everything he had inside Theater Antiques Mall.

"Little by little, it's going to the curb because it's starting to mildew," Watts said. "We're pretty much back to square one here."
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Officials vowing to investigate negligence

Italian authorities are vowing to investigate whether negligence or fraud in adhering to building codes played a role in the high death toll in last week's earthquake in Italy.

They also called for efforts to ensure organized crime doesn't infiltrate lucrative construction contracts to eventually rebuild much of the picturesque towns levelled in the disaster.

Meanwhile, rescue workers pressed on with the task of recovering bodies from the rubble, with hopes of finding any more survivors virtually vanished four days after the powerful quake.

Over the past two days, they found six more bodies in the rubble of Hotel Roma in Amatrice, the medieval hill town in mountainous central Italy that bore the brunt of destruction.

The quake that struck before dawn Wednesday also injured nearly 400 people as it flattened three medieval towns near the rugged Apennines. Prosecutor Giuseppe Saieva said the high human death toll "cannot only be considered the work of fate."

"The fault lines tragically did their work and this is called destiny, but if the buildings had been built like in Japan they would not have collapsed," Saieva said in comments carried by Italian media.

Investigations are focusing on a number of structures, including an elementary school in Amatrice that crumbled despite being renovated in 2012 to resist earthquakes at a cost of 700,000 euros (\$785,000 US). With schoolchildren's summer vacations in their final weeks, the school wasn't yet in use, and many were shocked that it didn't withstand the 6.2-magnitude quake.

Questions also surround a bell tower in Accumoli that collapsed, killing a family of four sleeping in a neighbouring house, including a baby of eight months and a seven-year-old boy. That bell tower also had been recently restored with special funds allocated after Italy's last major earthquake, which struck nearby L'Aquila in 2009.

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Firefighters retrieve a bell from the village of Rio, central Italy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MISSISSIPPI

Friends honour slain nuns

Friends and colleagues who knew two nuns killed in their Mississippi home are gathering Sunday to remember them, as authorities continue to investigate the crime that shocked people in the small communities where

the women helped the poor.
Rodney Earl Sanders, 46, has been charged in the deaths of Sister Margaret Held and Sister Paula Merrill. Many are struggling to comprehend why anyone would want to take their lives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada's answer to Silicon Valley

INNOVATION

Toronto's tech centre suitable home for range of new startups

Ooka Island is a rapidly growing learn-to-read software startup with roots planted in the red soil of Prince Edward Island.

But when the Charlottetownbased company planned to get serious about bringing its product to market, it needed to expand to an urban centre close to venture capitalists, a pool of skilled labour and a broader customer base.

"Once you get to the product validation stage it is hard to be on an island far away," said Kelly Shaw, CEO of Ooka Island.

Ooka Island moved into a co-sharing space at Toronto's MaRS innovation nearly two years ago. Its neighbours include other startups, advisors and investors and tech giants such as Facebook, Etsy and Airbnb.

'It's like planned serendipity it's like these introductions and moments of connections happen and sometimes they're



Kelly Shaw CEO of educational startup Ooka Island says the business has grown since moving to TO. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

unexpected and sometimes they're planned," Shaw said. Once upon a time, the need for such an ecosystem might have required a move south to Silicon Valley. But now the stretch of Highway 401 that connects Toronto with Kitchener-Waterloo has many hallmarks similar to that other famous tech corridor along California's Highway 101.

The success of the tech cluster in Canada's most densely populated area has inspired cities and towns to try and emulate the formula by creating tech incubators and accelerators, helped by millions in federal government funding. But we can't all be Silicon Valley North. California's famous tech region is successful because it connects startups, venture capitalists, late-stage companies' talent and tech giants, said Alex Kolicich, a 30-year-old venture capitalist who moved to the Valley after graduating from the University

of Waterloo.

Lately, he's been on the hunt for more Toronto-Waterloo startups. He sees the region retaining talent that would once have relocated to the Bay Area.

"The Toronto-Waterloo corridor seems to have a lot of the ingredients you'd want in a tech centre," he said, adding that Canada has less capacity for multiple tech hubs than the U.S., so it makes sense to focus on building just a few. "The

game is to have that concentration and density of talent to create that number one player, so you want to be in a serious tech ecosystem," he said. "It's very difficult to do that without concentrating."

The Canadian government wants to spark a transition from resources toward resourcefulness and is embarking on an "innovation agenda."

Details are sparse, though it did pledge in the March budget to invest up to \$800 million over four years to "strengthen innovation networks and clusters" across the country. The incubators and accelerators will be tailored to the region — clean tech in Montreal and Vancouver, or agriculture in Alberta.

The government believes that Canada needs to focus on areas where we have the potential to be, or are already known as, hotbeds of innovation," said a spokesperson for the department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development.

"The goal is to make significant, targeted investments in these areas so that Canada's clusters can attract the ideas, talent and capital necessary for success."

INNOVATORS

The top 10 countries on the 2016 Global Innovation Index with their scores out of 100

- 1. Switzerland 66.28 Sweden 63.57
- 3.United Kingdom 61.93
- 4. United States of America 61.40
- 5. Finland 59.90
- 6.Singapore 7. Ireland 59.03
- 8.Denmark 58.45
- 9.Netherlands 58.29
- 10. Germany 57.94
- 15. Canada

However, Canada's problem is not one of a lack of startups the bigger challenge is growing those early-stage companies into sustainable companies. The federal government needs to be very specific about its strategy if it wants to be more competitive globally. Canada ranks 15 on the Global Innovation Index but should be much higher, said Dan Breznitz, chair of innovation studies at the Munk School of Global Affairs.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Postal strike talks continue

Contract talks continued between Canada Post and its largest union Sunday afternoon, with neither side hinting as to whether any progress had been made.

A federally appointed mediator began meeting with the two sides on Friday to try to reach a deal. The Canadian Union of Postal Workers said if there was no deal by midnight, it would begin job action on Monday by having its members refuse to work

overtime on a rotating basis, starting in Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

CUPW served 72 hour strike notice Thursday night, accusing Canada Post of forcing a labour disruption by refusing to bargain in good faith.

The two sides have been deadlocked for months on the issues of pay scales for rural letter carriers and proposed changes to pensions for future employees.

On Sunday, the union said

its initial plans for job action would have little effect on Canada Post customers.

"Our action will cause little to no disruption to the public," national president Mike Palecek said in a statement. "We'll still be delivering mail every day."

But a spokesman for Canada Post said the union's threat of job action was still creating uncertainty for customers.

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Mussel shortage hitting New England's fishing industry New England is running out of mussels. The Gulf of Maine's once strong population of wild blue mussels is disappearing, scien-

tists say. A study led by marine ecologists at the University of California at Irvine found the numbers along the gulf coastline have declined by more than 60 per cent over the last 40 years.

Once covering as much as twothirds of the gulf's intertidal zone, mussels now cover less than 15 per cent.

"It would be like losing a forest," said biologist Cascade Sorte, who with her colleagues at the

It would be like losing a forest.

Biologist Cascade Sorte on the dwindling mussel figures

university conducted the study and recently published their findings in the Global Change Biology journal.

The Gulf of Maine stretches from Cape Cod to Canada and is a key marine environment and important to commercial fishing. Blue mussels are used in seafood dishes and worth millions to the economy of some New England states, but are also important in moving bacteria and toxins out of the water. "It's so disheartening to see it (the loss) in our marine habitats. We're losing the habitats they create," she said.

Disheartening, and also sometimes a smelly nuisance. Thousands of dead mussels washed up last week on the shores of Long Island, New York, and the die-off could be attributable to warm water temperature.

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Monday, August 29, 2016

URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

Dear Ellen, Can men wear sandals? I mean other than Jesus.

JL

Dear JL.

Before we begin with this intensely interesting and relevant question, may I address your use of the word "can"? It means, roughly, "able to." Obviously, any man "can" wear sandals. The question is, "should" a man wear sandals?

As with so many matters of etiquette, the answer is "it depends."

Is the man alone on a beach? Then yes, the man should wear sandals if he wants, and in fact wear nothing but his sandals, if that is his desire. What we do in private is subject to no laws of etiquette or even common decency. Privacy is our right, as long as it doesn't infringe on the rights of others. This is why Edward Snowden deserves a full pardon, if not a medal for service to his fellow Americans.

Is the man amongst other people on the beach? No problemo. Sandals on a beach are appropriate. Does the man have grotesque, horny Hobbit feet that will scare small children? Sorry, kids, avert your gaze if you must. But those feet have the same rights as yours to sun, sand and surf.

Is the man wearing the sandals in the workplace? If the dress code allows it, and

You might think that a contagious foot disease would be a good reason to forbid sandals, and yes, it's only polite to cover any suppurating sores.

THE QUESTION Can men wear sandals? I mean other than Jesus.



as long as women or others are allowed to brandish their tootsies, then there's no way we can forbid the male of the species from peacocking his own peds. Some of us might have the old-fashioned idea that sandals on men are never a good look without sun, sand and surf to blind us to the full effect of their naked feet. But that's a prejudice that has no place in modern, non-sexist etiquette.

Is the man wearing the sandals in a fancy restaurant? I must say, this is where I am tempted to draw the line. Every snobbish bone in my body recoils at this idea, as I think that anyone with poor enough judgment to wear sandals to a nice resto could hardly be trusted to have had a recent pedicure. But, in good conscience, I must allow it if the restaurant does.

You might think that a contagious foot disease would be a good reason to forbid sandals, and yes, it's only polite to cover any suppurating sores that are spreading infection. (Incidentally, since you brought up Jesus, allow me to point out that a person with the unsightly symptoms of leprosy is entitled to wear sandals, since the disease is transmitted by nose and mouth.)

Finally, is the man wearing the sandals with a wetsuit on a beach in France, where he might be mistaken for a Muslim woman who doesn't want to expose her hair or skin to UV rays or fellow beach bums? Then I would say he has every right to wear the sandals, and the wetsuit. But I would caution him that he must be prepared to deal with shameless demagogues

who at this very moment are hypocritically using "respect for women" to justify Islamophobic, racist and misogynistic persecution of "burkini"wearing women, even though the highest court in the country has told them they're wrong.

Sadly, I fear that old leperloving, sandal-wearing Jewish prophet Jesus Christ himself would be in danger from these so-called Christians. Whether you believe in God or not, the fact is JC the man walked the walk when it came to loving his fellow humans, and judging not lest he be judged. And, to his peril, he wasn't afraid to stand up to bigots and hypocrites.

Need advice? Email Ellen: scene@metronews.ca

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When it comes to personality, 'A' is the only type to be

I am Type A, and I am also not. Type A doesn't actually mean anything.

Or rather, it means no one thing, and also many things. It is an entirely useless and incredibly useful

If you are so inclined — if you're so Type A as to feel the need to define yourself — you can claim Type A by pointing to various needs: to control, to find success, to reach a target, to complete a task.

If you are not so inclined — if you prefer to imagine yourself as whimsical or easygoing or accommodating or chill — you can claim anything-but-Type-A. Or everything-but-Type-A. "What are the other types?" you wonder. Everyone has forgotten. Whatever they were, the others never made the cultural impact that Type A has made. Probably thanks to Type A people.

A recent article by Melissa Dahl for New York Magazine's Science of Us blog argues that there's no single definition of Type A. It is, per a source she quotes, "bulls—t."

But that's not to say it's inexplicable. It turns out that Type A can be traced to, of all things, tobacco corporations. Their idea was to fund research that asked whether your personality, as opposed to smokes, could be what's killing you via heart dis-

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ease. As Dahl found, the question had merit: "The research narrowed in on two components within the original conception of Type A — anger and hostility — which have indeed been shown to be linked to a higher risk of heart disease."

This is, no doubt, why Type A has endured. The research didn't work exactly as intended by Philip Morris and co., but it did give controlling folks everywhere a nice cosy umbrella to stand under, a place to call home.

I may balk at the idea that anger and hostility are in my nature (surely they don't define me), but Type A has been a helpful phrase in my life.

As a teen, it helped me understand why no one else got so mad about littering, and why I could not go to school in unmatching socks. It gave me a rationalization when I felt like being outspoken. I wasn't "bossy" (though of course I also was); I was Type A.

I still sometimes wish I could be more chill like all you other folks. But the feeling passes.

You might go with the flow, but I'm Type A. And as bulls—t as that is, we get s—t done.

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Junk food study: Consumption of sugary drinks fell by 21 per cent in Berkeley, Calif., four months after the city's soda tax came into effect last year.

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All that stuff nobody wants

MINIMALIST MILLENIALS

Young adults don't want to inherit family's heirlooms

Liz Brown Metro | Canada



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For years, Juliana Weberman has been dodging the household heirlooms and castoffs her parents try to gift her.

There are La-Z-Boys, various kitchen supplies and a table that belonged to her grandparents - all things her mom and dad want to pass on to her and her brother. But Weberman isn't interested in inheriting them.

"My parents' house is twice the size of mine," says Weberman, 35, who lives in a threebedroom home in Brantford. Ont. with her six-month-old daughter and husband.

"Where would I put all that

With high housing costs, smaller families and a later start into domestic life, millennials are shunning some of the material trappings that were their markers of success for their baby boomer parents.

It's a trend Veronica Harding has noticed in her 25 years working in estate sales. As owner of The Great Estate Sale in Toronto, Harding says she's seen a shift towards this minimalism in the younger generation.

It's particularly difficult to unload what Harding calls 'dust collectors': the Royal Doulton figurines; the china sets; the silverware that baby boomers consider family heirlooms.

"Twenty years ago, kids took this stuff from their parents. Now they don't want it. You have to clean it, you have to polish silver; china is nice but you can't put it in the dishwasher and who has time for that in today's society?"

"And if you look at the housing situation, most young people can't afford a big house. They're living in condos and apartments so a lot of the furniture won't even fit."

David Colletto, CEO at Abacus Data, has spearheaded market research into the behaviours and tastes of millennials. He doesn't think his generation is any less materialistic than their parents - rather, as a generation, they value different, more intangible things.

Research conducted by Edelman and StrategyOne asked people aged 16-22 what they would give up out of a list of items (including cosmetics, their car, passport, smartphone and sense of smell).

Over half (53 per cent) said they would give up their sense of smell if they could keep their smartphone.

According to Colletto, this priority on connectivity through social media is what drives the millennial consumer.

"For millennials, we're not looking to express our accomplishments through nice dishes or a nice car.

"Going to cool places, being able to experience amazing things and sharing them on social media is the equivalent



Juliana Weberman says she does have the room to take on all the things passed on to her from her parents. PATRICK WEBERMAN

of those things," he says.

That's not to say millennials don't appreciate some family treasures. Weberman has kept

band and Colletto has a hat of his grandfather's.

"It comes down to sentimen-

her grandmother's wedding tality," says Weberman, who would rather have small, meaningful items than large pieces of furniture or knick knacks.

"We'd rather take a few trips every year than have big mortgage payments on a bigger house to store all that stuff."



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CSR: Getting a foot in the door

WHY I LIKE MY JOB Michael Dilorio, 33 — Manager, Client Experience in Toronto, Ont.

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I had no idea what I was getting into. but luckily the company provided extensive training to help build my confidence in handling client calls.

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Once I got my foot in the door, I took the Canadian Securities Course (CSC) to gain a better understanding of the industry.

Soon after, I progressed from front-line representative to a member of the communications team, where my writing skills were used to develop client-facing communications.

I now manage a team that helps implement and enhance the client experience by delivering front-facing online tools that provide value and generate positive enduser emotions.

Advancing to a management role in customer service requires continuous learning. positive response to change, commitment to quality work and an understanding of people.

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HOW TO START

Although this occupation doesn't require specific credentials, customer service representatives are arguably one of the most diversely educated professionals in the workforce. It's a popular starting point for new graduates trained in business, finance, communications and information technology; however, it's also regarded as a rewarding career for those who may not possess a degree or diploma but enjoy helping others.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

Customer service representatives work in almost every industry, including insurance, manufacturing, telecommunications and the public sector. As such, prospective employees can search for work in banks, retail stores, software firms and any environment that involves client engagement. Many companies have recently refocused their internal strategies and marketing efforts to stand out as leaders in customer service.

NEXT CAREER STEP

An experienced worker in this field can advance to a team leader or manager in a clientdriven environment. Since client interactions can occur in person, over the phone or online, workers in this field are encouraged to keep abreast of emerging technologies and platforms. Using proper grammar and spelling or even learning another language will also go a long way in securing customer loyalty in web-based interactions.

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How much are you covered for and how will it be taxed? Most group policies cover employees for a certain percentage of their salaries - typically 60 to 75 per cent.

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Does my policy have a residual disability feature? Without it, years may pass before your claim can begin because you must meet the insurance company's definition of "totally disabled."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Love and youth are timeless

THE MOVIE: XOXO (Netflix) THE MOMENT: The insider cameo

DJ-wannabe Ethan Shaw (Graham Phillips, The Good Wife) is mixing an electronic dance music (EDM) track labeled "Mom — vocal" in his bedroom when he gets an IM: His YouTube single is racking up views. In the background, his mother calls out, "Sweetie, how many hits do we have?"

"We just passed a million," Ethan replies. He heads for the kitchen. His mother's at the table. "Are there any more comments about me?" she asks.

"Everyone's loving your voice,

Mom. Seriously," he replies. This made-for-Netflix film quickly leaves Mom in her kitchen and never looks back, as Ethan and fellow 20-somethings head off for a magical night at XOXO, the biggest EDM rave in America.

Ethan gets his break as a DJ and Krystal (Sarah Hyland, Modern Family) finds love, against

Pirelli's calendar focused

on acting talent, not skin

Pirelli has unveiled a star-

studded lineup for its 2017

like the ultimate Oscar red

carpet than the stuff of sal-

Among the subjects

actresses Nicole Kidman,

Uma Thurman, Kate Winslet,

Wright, Rooney Mara, Lupita

announced Sunday are

Julianne Moore, Robin

Nyong'o, Penelope Cruz, Jessica Chastain, Lea Sey-

doux, Zhang Ziyi and Char-

lotte Rampling. The young-

acious pinups.

calendar that looks more

GOSSIP IN BRIEF

a backdrop of neon makeup, Ecstasy and Skrillex.

Look again at Mom, though: She's Ione Skye, best known as the girl John Cusack woos by holding a boom box over his head in Say Anything, the 1989 teen love story from music fan/writer/director Cameron Crowe, which culminates in one of the great high-school parties of cinema.

Skye's presence in XOXO is what I call a Reverential Cameo a cinematic Easter egg for aficionados. It draws a line from that film to this, hoping to establish XOXO's bona fides through its references. In '89 a love song was "In Your Eyes;" now it's Diplo. But the filmmakers threw in that glimpse of Skye to remind those who notice that love and youth are timeless.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

est model, Alicia Vikander, is

27; the eldest, Helen Mirren,

German photographer

in 1996 and 2002, has been

influential in shifting its con-

cept from titillation toward

a more cerebral sex appeal.

This calendar features more character, less skin; more T-

shirts and turtlenecks, fewer

Lindbergh tells Vogue his

visual theme is "that talent is

more important than a great

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Peter Lindbergh, who also shot Pirelli's trade calendar

is 71.



Sarah Hyland plays Krystal in EDM movie XOXO. CONTRIBUTED

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Justice Smith plays Ezekiel Figuero in Baz Luhrmann's Netflix series The Get Down. CONTRIBUTED

Welcome the dawn of Justice Smith

PROFILE

Lead man in The Get Down is praised for breakout role

At Justice Smith's audition for The Get Down, Baz Luhrmann's ambitious Netflix series chronicling the birth of hip hop in 1979 New York, he performed Juicy by the late Notorious B.I.G. "You know very well/who you are," he sang. "Don't let 'em hold you down/reach for the stars."

At just 21 (his birthday was Aug. 9, meaning Juicy dropped exactly one year before he was born), the breakout star of the richly drawn series seems to indeed know very well who he is.

"I was always taught to be emotional and expressive," he says over the phone from New York, where he is still in production on the final two episodes of the first season (the first six, dubbed Part One, are streaming now on Netflix). By contrast, his lavishly named character, Ezekiel "Zeke" Figuero, tries to hide his poetic heart. "He's expressive, but there's added pressure that he succumbs to about what it means to be a man," Smith says in his first print interview.

The long-gestating series (Luhrmann has been developing the project since 2006) follows Smith through his coming-of-age in the creatively vibrant, fiercely violent street culture of the South Bronx, a conflux of influences that would give rise to hip hop (the show also provides a deep dive into disco's reign).

Though Smith grew up in a family of musicians, he always saw himself as the least likely to achieve musical stardom.



I was always around music. Even if I wasn't actively studying it, I was absorbing it.

Justice Smith on life at home

"My parents are both singers and my sister's a singer as well," he says. "I was the only actor." Yet this musical upbringing has served him well on The Get Down, in which he raps and dances with his crew the Get Down Brothers. "I would hear them singing or practising," he says of his family.

"I was always around music. Even if I wasn't actively studying it, I was absorbing it. It was just a matter of accessing it."

Though hip hop rules much of American Top 40, Smith isn't necessarily a fan: his tastes lean more toward jazz and folk than rap. "I listened to a whole bunch of hip hop from every decade," he says of his Get Down prep.

As part of a Get Down boot camp, Smith was also given a reading list. One book that stuck with him was Down These Mean Streets, Piri Thomas's memoir of growing up in the street scene of Spanish Harlem.

"He talks about growing up in the ghetto and when you are walking down the street you have to have cara palo, which means stone face," he says. "It's not manly to show any emotion, because emotion is weakness.

"That was something that I tried to apply to Zeke, having a stone face, but also this deep well of emotion inside of him."

The shoot was by all accounts demanding, with Variety reporting it as "among the most expensive shows in history" with an extravagant \$10-million budget per episode. Though the sprawling series' lack of focus can be confusing, critics have praised Smith's performance.

Better yet, so have the fans. It shows how well-matched Smith was with executive producer Luhrmann's heart-on-your-sleeve style. Smith's own journey might be only just beginning, but half the fun of The Get Down is discovering the young talent as he takes those soulful first steps.



The Canada Games Centre is launching a new schedule of activities in September. CONTRIBUTED

Preparing for a busy fall

It's been five years since the Canada Games Centre opened as one of the facilities for the 2011 Canada Games. Now the popular Clayton Park athletic facility is shutting down its field house for some much needed maintenance. The closure, scheduled to take place between Aug. 31 and Sept. 24, marks only the second time the full field house has been shut down.

The scheduled upgrade will include sanding and refinishing the hardwood floors, adding new lines to the badminton, pickle ball and volleyball courts, and new sockets for nets. The fitness centre and track and aquatic centre will remain open during the maintenance.

Next door is the new Mainland Common, a large multi-use field including an all-weather soccer pitch, baseball diamonds and other facilities. The Common is also the site of Soccer Nova Scotia's large indoor soccer facility. WILL MASON

CANADA GAMES CENTRE PROGRAMS

Canada Games Centre's new schedule of activities features dozens of unique activities.

They include the popular Outdoor Rangers program for young children, a program for budding scientists and nature enthusiasts.

Older youth can take part in a new advanced rhythmic gymnastics performance team, badminton, karate and a community youth leadership program.

For adults, the centre offers popular golf and karate programs, including an adult sparring class. Intermediate and advanced adult fitness programs include K2-kettlebell circuit, TRX Strong, intermediate yoga and Pilates sculpt.

Power lifting for women, prenatal fit camp and yoga, new parent and baby aquafit and a new karate program for seniors are just a few of the many unique programs available this year.

The Canada Games Centre also features a number of indoor racket sports.

Once and future neighbourhood

CLAYTON PARK

A new Halifax community is taking shape

Will Mason

In 1959 the Shaw Group, one of Nova Scotia's oldest and best known companies, created Clayton Developments to build the company's namesake development — Clayton Park. The development was a milestone — one of Halifax's first planned communities and one of the first major developments in the old city of Halifax to take place off the Halifax peninsula. More than five decades later the area around Clayton Park is still growing at a rapid pace.

growing at a rapid pace. Washmill Lake Drive is one of the reasons for that. When the new road and its underpass under Highway 102 opened three years ago, the \$16-million project that connected the communities of Clayton Park, Fairview and Bayers Lake quickly became a major driver of new development in the community. WM Fares Group of Halifax was one of the first developers to jump on board, announcing plans to build a mixed commercial and residential development on Washmill Lake Drive that would include more than 1,000 apartment and townhouse units and around 164,000 square feet of commercial space - a community that could become home to more than 2,000 people over the next decade.

On the other side of Bed-



The area around the new Washmill Lake Underpass has become a major focus for development on the Halifax mainland. CONTRIBUTED

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA

Other developments in the Clayton Park area are already burgeoning. Clayton Park West is one of the newest and fastest growing communities, with many homes less than eight years old. Crestview, a new and popular neighbourhood, features large, elegant homes located next to the magnificent Hemlock Ravine Park. And Glenbourne is about the same age as the adjacent Clayton Park West but with homes that are generally smaller and more affordable.

ford Basin a new development project is taking place on a 25-hectare property that was formerly the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse at the edge of Mount Saint Vincent University. The mixed-use development that will be known as Seton Ridge is expected to include single-family homes, townhouses, apartments and condominiums along with a large amount of retail space, a recreation centre and other community amenities.

On May 30, Southwest Properties, the developer of Seton Ridge, unveiled its plans for the community at a municipal public information meeting held at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Nothing succeeds like success, as the saying goes, but amenities like the new Halifax Transit terminal on Lacewood Drive, the Mainland Common, the Keshen Goodman Public Library and the Canada Games Centre are also having a big impact on development in the area.





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The Whopper Dropper Trailhead in Bayers Lake provides urban access to the Birch Cove Wilderness, CONTRIBUTED

Home to a wealth of outdoor activities

BIRCH COVE WILDERNESS

Canoe, hike, bike, fish near **Clayton Park**

Will Mason

It's a tenuous existence. The Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area is one of the most accessible wild places in Nova Scotia — a 3,242 acre unspoiled tract nearly as large as the Halifax Peninsula. The wilderness that includes barrens, wetlands, deep Acadian forests and a chain of navigable lakes lies on the edge of Clayton Park and the Bayers Lake Business Park, just a few minutes away from downtown Halifax. But a brewing controversy over land use and the steady approach of urban sprawl could eventu-ally spell the downfall for the protected area.

On Earth Day 2009 the government of Nova Scotia signed a law permanently protecting the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness from urban

development. But that legislation may not be enough for the new protected wilderness, according to the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS). For one thing, the provincial legislation only protects about two-thirds of the area leaving the rest of the wilderness vulnerable. Meanwhile the Halifax Regional Municipality council continues to wrestle with the idea of allowing new development to take place on the edge of the wilderness a move decried by environmentalists.

For wilderness enthusiasts, the area is a wilderness oasis.

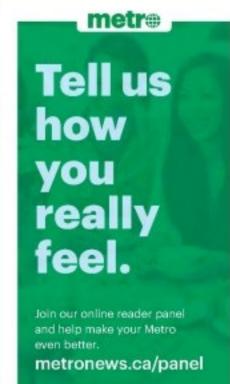
For decades the Birch Cove Lakes have been a well-guarded secret among local anglers, mountain bikers and hikers. The area is the location of the Whopper Dropper, a heart-stopping bike trail complete with undulating granite descents that begins just behind the Burger King in Bayers Lake. As a canoe route, the system is even less well known, but it's an excellent circular canoe route that can be traversed in one day.

MORE TRAILS IN THE AREA

While the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness may be the most impressive tract of land in the Clayton Park area, there are many other outdoor recreational opportunities in the neighbourhood as well, including the Mainland North Linear Parkway, a four-kilometre walking trail and active transportation route that winds through the entire Clayton Park community.

Cabin Lake Trail is a 2.5 kilometre hike with entrances at Starboard Drive and Transom Drive near Larry Uteck Boulevard, while the Geizer Hill Trail begins at 60 Greenpark Close and winds through a mixed forest near Bayers Lake Park and the Washmill Lake Drive underpass.





Rookie McIsaac sparkles in front of home crowd

MOOSEHEADS

Second overall pick in entry draft leads Herd to win



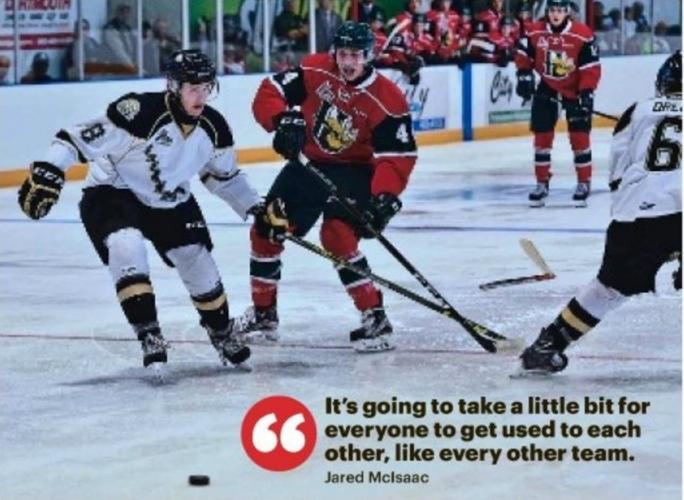
For Nova Scotia's own Jared McIsaac, wearing his Halifax Mooseheads jersey for the first time in front of a hometown crowd was "awesome."

The 16-year-old defenceman scored one goal and added an assist Sunday afternoon at the Halifax Forum, helping the Herd to a 6-1 pre-season win over the Charlottetown Islanders. It was the first exhibition game the Mooseheads have won since the Hub City Showcase in Moncton last weekend.

"There are obviously nerves that come with it, and I definitely felt it, standing there during O Canada," said top prospect McIsaac, who's from Truro but played bantam with the Dartmouth Whalers and midget with the Cole Harbour Wolfpack.

"It was definitely a great feeling to get the two points in Halifax," he said after the victory in front of a solid and loyal hometown crowd, which seemed to be itching for the real hockey

FORMULA ONE



Rookie Mooseheads defenceman Jared McIsaac chases a puck against the Islanders on Sunday at the Halifax Forum. DAVID CHAN/HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS

season to start.

McIsaac, selected second overall by the Mooseheads at the 2016 QMJHL Entry Draft this past June, notched the helper on a pretty goal by Otto Somppi early in the second, and quickly scored one of his own less than two minutes later, giving Halifax a 5-1 lead over the Islanders.

"It just came ... out of the



corner into the slot; it was one of those weird angles," said Mc-Isaac, who has been playing on the blue line alongside secondyear player Cooper Jones, of his goal Sunday.

"I just happened to get a piece of it and I'm lucky enough that it went into the net," he said.

Jones and fellow rookie Benoit Olivier Groulx, the 16-year-old forward selected first overall by Halifax, both assisted that goal.

The win was revenge for the young Herd, which fell to Char-

lottetown by the same score,

6-1, on the road Saturday at the

Pownal Sports Centre in Alexan-

dra, P.E.I. Halifax also lost to the

Cape Breton Screaming Eagles

last Wednesday, getting shut

out 4-0 inside the Cape Breton

County Recreation Centre in

McIsaac wasn't the only rook-

ie to come through for Halifax

on Sunday. New Swiss import

Nico Hischier, 17, also notched

a goal and got an assist for the

Second-year forward Somppi,

18, of Helsinki scored a single

and had three helpers for the

strongest offensive output of

Maxime Fortier and Connor

Moynihan also put markers on

the scoreboard for the Moose,

while goaltender Kevin Resop

earned the win with 17 saves.

Charlottetown on the power

with Fortier and Somppi, said

his linemates made it easy to

players," said the highly touted

Hischier of Naters, Switzerland,

selected sixth overall in the CHL

"It's been good so far. I'm

play well Sunday.

Import Draft.

happy to be here."

Islanders rookie Gregor Mac-Leod scored the lone goal for

Hischier, who played up front

"They're both really good

Veterans Barrett Dachyshyn,

Coxheath.

home team.

the day.

Thailand's juggernaut wins by 4 strokes

CANADIAN OPEN

Ariya Jutanugarn rebounded from disappointment at the Olympic Games to win the LPGA's Canadian Open on Sunday.

Knee pain forced the 20-yearold from Thailand to withdraw during the third round of the women's golf tournament in Rio, where women's golf made its Olympic debut.

Jutanugarn was the leader

after the opening round there.

She almost pulled out of this week's Canadian Pacific Women's Open in Priddis, Alta., but was glad she didn't.



Ariya Jutanugarn **GETTY IMAGES**

"My knee hurt so bad last week, but when I got here on Monday and Tuesday, it was getting a lot better," Jutanugarn said Sunday after collecting a winner's cheque of \$337,500.

"I think my tee shots were pretty good all week and my irons are getting a lot better in the last week or so."

Jutanugarn's fifth victory in just her second year on the tour is the most by any LPGA player this season.

Leading by two shots heading into the final round at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club, she posted seven birdies and just one bogev en route to a six-under 66 in cool, cloudy conditions.

She finished four shots clear of runner-up Sei Young Kim of South Korea on the 6,622-yard Raven course. Three-time winner Lydia Ko of New Zealand tied for seventh at 13-under.

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Rosberg steers clear of chaos in Belgium

Nico Rosberg won an incidentpacked Belgian Grand Prix featuring a chaotic start, wild overtaking, a heavy crash, safety cars and a red flag.

The Mercedes driver's win on Sunday in Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium, saw him close the gap to nine points on teammate Lewis Hamilton, who finished third behind Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo as the resurgent Australian driver secured a third

straight podium finish. 'It's been a great weekend, very, very happy with that result," Rosberg said after his 20th career win. "Congrats to Lewis, last place

to third must be pretty impressive." THE ASSOCIATED

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Nico Rosberg

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IN BRIEF

New York team wins Little League World Series title

Ryan Harlost led Endwell, N.Y., to the Little League World Series title, striking out eight and limiting South Korea to five hits in six innings in a 2-1 victory Sunday.

Endwell became the first U.S. winner since Huntington Beach, Calif., in 2011, and gave New York its first championship since 1964.

Harlost also scored the deciding run on a passed ball. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jays third baseman make it rain hats

Josh Donaldson briefly turned Rogers Centre into a hockey arena on Sunday. With the Blue Jays wearing their red uniforms on Canada Baseball Day in Toronto, the third baseman hit three home runs for a hat trick in a 9-6 Josh Donaldson @BRINGEROFRAIN20/ victory over

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Minnesota Twins. Fans threw hats on the field after Donaldson's third homer in the eighth inning for the Jays, who completed the three-game sweep. After the game Donaldson posted a picture on Twitter of

him holding up two clear garbage bags filled with ballcaps. THE CANADIAN

CANCON

The top Canadian was Hamilton's Alena Sharp, who had the best result of her LPGA Tour career, birdieing the final two holes for a 67 to finish fourth at 16 under.

Brooke Henderson shot a 69 to tie for 14th at 11 under.

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Raheem Sterling evades West Ham United goalkeeper Adrian en route to his game-sealing second goal of the game in Manchester City's 3-1 win. OLI SCARFF/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Citizens hold off Hammers

PREMIER LEAGUE

Man City keep perfect start intact vs. cagey Londoners

Manchester City kept pace with likely title rivals Manchester United and Chelsea by beating West Ham 3-1 on Sunday for a third straight victory in the early stages of the English Premier League

However, what started as a

lesson in pass-and-move, attacking football by City under new coach Pep Guardiola turned into a nervy finish at Etihad Stadium.

Raheem Sterling and Fernandinho scored in the opening 18 minutes for City, which carved West Ham open at will in a dominant first-half display that showed Guardiola's influence is already rubbing off on his players.

Injury-hit West Ham improved in the second half and Michail Antonio's 58th-minute header made City work for its win, which was sealed by

another goal by Sterling in injury time when he rounded the goalkeeper and scored from a narrow angle.

At least one perfect record will go when United plays City at Old Trafford in the first round of games after the international break.

It's early days, but it could well be a shootout for the title between the three teams already at the top of the standings. City currently is ahead of United and Chelsea on goal difference — and Guardiola said there's plenty more to come.

"Of course, there is still room for improvement," Guardiola said, "but we have been playing well and hopefully we can continue doing that.

"We have to make an amazing performance to win at Old Trafford. I can imagine the atmosphere. I am looking forward to live that experience."

In the other game Sunday, Middlesbrough maintained its unbeaten start to life back in the Premier League by drawing 0-0 at West Bromwich Albion in a game of few clearcut chances.

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- 1 lb (450 g) orecchiette
- · 3 Tbsp olive oil
- · 4 cloves garlic, minced
- · 1 onion, chopped
- · 1 tsp fennel seeds or fresh thyme · 1/2 tsp crushed dried chilis (op-
- 1 lb ground turkey
- · 4 cups of broccoli florets, cut quite small
- 1 cup chicken stock

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

1. Cook the pasta according to package instructions.

2. Warm olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, fennel seeds or thyme and chilis and cook three minutes. Add the turkey and cook for another five minutes, until the meat is browned and almost cooked through.

Carefully add broccoli to pasta two minutes before the pasta will be done. Drain pasta and broccoli and add them to the skillet.

 Toss everything together well. Add stock and toss more. Season to taste. Serve with a healthy sprinkle of Parmesan on top.

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* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20 This is a good day to make longrange plans for the future regarding children, as well as plan for social activities. Relations with partners will improve in the next few weeks.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 Family discussions will be practical today, which is why it's a good day to think about how to do something in the future. Line up financing and practical support.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 Discussions with partners and close friends will be practical. Everyone is willing to work and postpone pleasure.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 If shopping today, you will want to buy long-lasting, practical items, definitely on sale. All financial discussions will be serious and pertain to future security.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 Someone older or more experienced might have advice for you today. Whatever the case, this is not a frivolous day - quite the opposite! You're concerned with how to get things done.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Research of any kind will go well today. Maintain your steady effort to discover answers and solutions to old problems, because you will make headway.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 A serious discussion, perhaps with an older female, might benefit you today. At the very least, listen to what is offered, because later, you might need this information.

56. Grace's surname

on Will & Grace

wright: 2 wds.

62. Loosen

64. Fidgety

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57. American play-

61. Country song-

stress Ms. Carter

63. Shoe width

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 Your interactions with someone in authority are strictly business today, which is why they want to know personal details about your private life. Do things according to the rules.

✗ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 Discussions about philosophy, higher education, religion and politics will be serious today. However, they will be productive because people are looking for solutions.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 This is a good day to get your ducks in a row regarding taxes, debt, inheritances and shared property. Whatever effort you make today will produce results.

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Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 Be prepared to accommodate others, because the Moon is opposite your sign. Benefits will come to you through your willing acceptance of your responsibilities to others.

H Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20 It will please you to make things more practical and orderly today, because you want to be surrounded by organization. Commonsense solutions will please you.

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